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Applicant : Laguna, et al.
Appl. No. : 09/384,900
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Title : An Improved Balloon Catheter And
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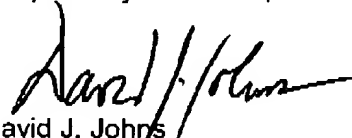
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2002, applicants enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response under 37 CFR 1.111 (8 pages);
2. Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time (1 page in duplicate);

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge all filing fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and all other fees due under section 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,


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